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Feb. 26 – A professor called police after he received a threatening phone message from a male student. In the message, the male said “I’ll kick your ass.”

The professor said the student came to his office earlier that day and asked for an extension on a paper. The professor refused and the male argued with him that he needed more time because his hand was broken.

The professor told police that he did not want the male in his class again. He requested that an officer come his class and said he was fearful for his safety because of the

male’s violent past.

Feb. 28 – A male was arrested on a felony warrant after he suffered a seizure.

Police responded to an apartment on Springwood Lane after a female reported that her boyfriend fell in the shower. She told the officer that he has a history of seizures.

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Accounting standards could change by the time current students graduate

■ Three-year lag on classroom materials could cost current accounting students

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International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) should be a concern of current accounting students.

"When accounting students graduate, they'll have to be familiar with the direction business is going," said James Greenspan, Ph.D., professor and chair of accountancy.

And it looks like the direction is IFRS.

Under consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), if the SEC votes to move U.S.-listed companies from U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to IFRS, the results will be a more level playing field for businesses worldwide.

Already, more than 100 countries

require or permit use of the international standards, according to "Buckle Up", a report by Deloitte, the parent company of 165,000 audit, consulting, financial advisory, risk management and tax service firms.

When the SEC decides whether or not to go forward, the target date for the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the standard setting body for IFRS, and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the standard setting body for U.S. GAAP, to converge is 2011, according to the SEC timetable issued Nov. 14, 2008.

Mandatory use of IFRS is likely to start in 2014, according to the Deloitte report.

IFRS questions are expected to start appearing on the CPA exam in 2013, according to the American Institute of Public Accountants.

"This is why students should be concerned," said Kate Lash, a junior majoring in accountancy and president of Accounting Club. "Questions could appear on the CPA soon after current students graduate."

She also said as far as jobs, it's

likely students will be trained appropriately.

"WSU is taking the necessary measures," Lash added.

"I am concerned. In my undergraduate, we haven't hardly heard of IFRS," Lash said.

So it's hard to know if one graduating class will be more affected than another, said Greenspan. However, with the change in the presidential administration and the new SEC chair, Mary Schapiro, there could be a new transition pace, he said.

development, so they're going to have to stay current," Pemberton said.

At University of Dayton, IFRS is being covered and tested in intermediate accounting courses and international accounting courses, said Donna Street, president of the International Association for Accounting Education and Research and Mahrt Chair of Accounting at the University of Dayton, Ph.D.

In general, many U.S. professors lack IFRS expertise and textbooks, but

"When accounting students graduate, they'll have to be familiar with the direction business is going,"

-James Greenspan, Ph.D., professor and chair of accountancy.

"We know it's going to be coming sooner or later, but we don't know the pace," Greenspan said.

Instead of waiting on the SEC to set the pace, the role of universities is to be at the cutting edge, said the accounting chair. That's why education is so expensive.

"I think our role as professors is to always make sure we teach what's current now and what will be current when students graduate," Greenspan said.

Knowing the switch to IFRS will happen, the accounting department met fall 2008 and targeted fall 2009 to start incorporating the new standards in the classroom.

A reason for the education lag is it takes three years to get new textbooks written and published, according to Strategic Finance.

But IFRS has been addressed in the masters of accountancy program the last two or three years, Greenspan added.

One professor hasn't waited on textbooks.

Currently teaching international accounting, Neal Pemberton, an accountancy adjunct faculty member, said students won't have to relearn accounting, but understand the differences between GAAP and IFRS because they're built on common concepts.

International accounting, open to all business majors, has kept up with IFRS developments the last two years and covers current events, but doesn't cover IFRS accounting practices.

Knowledge of IFRS could increase a student's marketability and become an opportunity for accounting professionals and students, he added.

"It's going to impact their career

large accounting firms are making materials and cases available, said Street.

For example, Street uses electronic materials in her classroom from the International Association of Accounting Education and Research.

The University of Dayton School of Business Administration also started a pilot IFRS certificate program Monday, Jan. 26 at U.D. in cooperation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Upon program completion, students sit for an online exam to earn the certificate.

Street will be teaching another international course this summer, which also includes a two-week trip to the partner school and site visits in England.

"The big firms are already training their staff. The universities are the problem," Street said.

Professors and students graduating this year can get continuing education and CPA courses online.

The Accounting Club, about 25 to 30 students, meets at least once a quarter and gives the opportunity to learn and network with speakers, Lash said.

Greenspan said, "I think IFRS is sort of a signal that if you don't make yourself more familiar with the way other countries do things or if you don't get a more global perspective, you're going to be in trouble."

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Syllabus Archive faces complaint

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■ Archive launched in mid February by Student Government

Student Government's Syllabus Archive faces a complaint filed by Wright

State University professor, Martin Maner, alleging breach of intellectual copyright.

"We're working with [Bill] Rickert," said Henry Ruminski, professor of communication and vice president of the American Association of University Professors - WSU Chapter (AAUP).

"I filed a grievance because the contract between the administration and the faculty protects intellectual

property rights," said Maner, "But whether or not a syllabus contains protected intellectual property, we teach grade-schoolers that it is common courtesy to ask permission before you take (and give away, in this case) other's people's stuff."

Faculty representatives were set to meet with Kyle McAllister, the SG Director of Academic Affairs to resolve the issue.

"It's not a formal grievance yet," said Ruminski, "There will be an attempt to resolve it informally before it's an official grievance."

Most complaints submitted to the AAUP are informally resolved before reaching the official level.

"Marty [Maner] is the only one who raised the issue, but a couple [of faculty members] agreed after he came forward," said Ruminski.

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Zink Road fence halted

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The fence project has been halted according to a Student Government (SG) announcement Tuesday, March 10.

AM Management, the private company that owns much of campus housing, was slated to build a gate around the dorms and apartments this spring with their funds.

The fence would have begun between Cimarron Campus Village apartments and College Park, extended down Zink road, and stretched 100 to 200 feet around the corner of campus housing onto Kaufman Road.

Security and to prevent people crossing Zink road were the two reasons cited for the fence by Dan Bertoss, director of Residence Services.

However at a controlled forum Thursday, March 5 during a Residential Community Association (RCA) General Assembly meeting about 35 students shared feedback on the fence project, said Ryan Phipps, RCA president.

A lot of concerns expressed were bus stops for children of Village residents and access to buildings, said Phipps. Feedback was given about what could be better than the fence too.

"The forum was good. I think it was needed" Phipps said.

Now a Zink Road Project has been formed, said SG. There'll be a task force with all the major players—SG, RCA, Residence Services, AM Management, Wright State University Police Department and Student Affairs to negotiate alternatives, said Sabrina Sheetz, SG president.

The task force will meet during finals week and details are to be determined.

"Something still needs to be done. And from all the hearsay that administration doesn't hear student concerns, they really do," Sheetz said.

"I would say that creating a task force is a much better solution to help facilitate the students' feedback with how the administration views what needs to be done safety wise because the main goal is to work toward a common goal," said Phipps.

The task force will help make all voices heard, as well as explore alternatives to the fence, said Megan Uhrig, SG vice president.

"I think there's a lot of misconceptions on both our parts—administration and students," Uhrig said.

Student supports more options for study abroad

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While studying abroad is made somewhat affordable by Wright State through scholarships, I wouldn't be able to afford the rest of the fee without taking out a loan. The idea presented in this article may have a solution to my problem, which is most likely shared by many other students.

When I read this article, at first I thought that the idea of imposing a fee for a study abroad program would never be accepted by students.

But the more I thought about it, the more the SG international senator's idea seemed like a creative answer to helping students, like myself, be able to afford studying abroad.

The senator suggests creating a fee, much like the Legal Service fee, in which all of us would have the option to keep or waive. 17,000 students contributing just \$1 for three quarters would raise \$51,000, which would be

awarded based on need or academic achievement. I know that even with an implemented fee, there could be problems with the dispersion.

If every student contributed to the study abroad fee, there would be issues of entitlement to the funds.

Not everyone would be so willing to contribute to a program in which they had no intention of participating. Another potential problem could be the students who did participate in the fee, but were not awarded as much as they felt they deserved.

Even with these potential problems, I think this kind of fee would indeed raise awareness about the study abroad program. It would give qualified students opportunities that they otherwise would not have had because of the cost.

I know that I would support such a program, not only for myself, but for any student who never thought they would be able to afford the experience.



Erin Ash/The Guardian

AM Management's and Residence Services' plan for a fence around campus housing would have eliminated entrances and increased security, but the fence project was halted March 10.

Response to sports article shakes argument and supports more comprehensive policy

■ Student points out important considerations regarding pregnant athletes

Randy Rybolt

The piece "New NCAA pregnant-athlete policy model was born at Wright State" by Clint Davis appeared in the February edition of the Guard-

ian. He made a case in support of Dr. Sorensen's pregnancy policy, which basically states pregnancy should not affect a student's scholarship.

He identifies two cases in 2002 of two female student-athletes at Wright State that were pregnant, one was able to retain her scholarship, while the other lost her financial aid for the next year. He states the policy tries to "protect the pregnant female athletes' financial aid since the condition is temporary, like a mid-season injury." The article states that Dr. Sorensen

considers it a "violation of federal law" to withdrawal financial aid from a pregnant student-athlete.

I fully agree with the articles suggestion that the NCAA should develop a policy that covers this issue.

This policy should have comprehensible guidelines to deal with the pregnancy of students-athletes on scholarship or receiving other financial aid associated with athletics. Clear cut rules and procedures would protect Universities from the perception of preferential treatment and discrimination.

The rules governing this subject should be universal across all athletic activities.

This is where my views significantly differ from that of the author and Dr. Sorensen. I wish to point out the faulty logic the author uses to support Dr. Sorensen's position on the issue. First, the belief that an athlete injuring their knee is comparable to one becoming pregnant is completely illogical.

An injury is not a condition that can be prevented and typically occurs while the student-athlete is participating in the activity they are receiving the financial aid for. On the other hand, pregnancy is preventable and is not the product of an athletic endeavor. A student athlete failing to participate due to pregnancy is the result of poor judgment and comparable to in knee injury.

The next issue I would like to debate is their belief that cancelling a female's scholarship for the sole reason that she became pregnant was a violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. This Amendment was set up to prevent institutions from discriminating against any athlete because of gender.

Once again your author and Dr. Sorensen attempt to use scant amounts of information to bolster their position. The pulling of a scholarship due to an athlete becoming pregnant and not being able to participate in the activity in which they received the scholarship for is not a violation of this law or any. I can boldly say this because if it did violate any laws, I'm sure a women's organization or a greedy lawyer would have already brought this to court. Sorry, Dr. Sorensen this is just another situation of not just leveling the playing field, but to tilt it in a way that best serves your race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs.

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WSU alum makes directorial debut

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Husband and wife filmmakers Ed M. Koziarski, an Antioch College alumni, and Junko Kajino, a Wright State University alumna, returned to Yellow Springs to screen their feature directorial debut, "The First Breath of Tengan Rei."

Kajino, a native of Nagano, Japan, moved to Yellow Springs in 1997 to enroll at Wright State University and work on a film called "The Dream Catcher." "I was already very determined to be a filmmaker when I enrolled at Wright State," stated Kajino.

She met Koziarski at the Antioch Area Theatre, on the set of his senior film "A Fool's Gambit." Kajino then joined Koziarski in Chicago in 1998 and they were married in 2001.

"I studied journalism and creative writing and I never took a film production course. After Junko transferred to Columbia College and moved to Chicago, I worked on her student films, then I started working as a production assistant on independent films in Chicago, eventually working as assistant director, production manager, line producer and co-producer on a number of independent films," said Koziarski.

"The First Breath of Tengan Rei" depicts Rei, a young Okinawan woman who kidnaps the teenage son of a U.S. Marine convicted of raping her when she was a girl. While Rei holds Paris captive, the two are drawn together despite the scenario of their past, as they prepare for a final confrontation with Paris's

father, Nelson.

"When financing on 'Homesick Blues' (a previous project) fell through, Junko proposed the subject matter for 'The First Breath of Tengan Rei.' At first I was very hesitant – it seemed like such a heavy subject, and I wasn't sure I wanted to live with it for the years I knew it would take to finish the film. But some images stuck with me, images of this woman swimming for her life in the ocean. After a few months of being haunted by these images, I went back to Junko and said, 'Let's do it,'" said Koziarski.

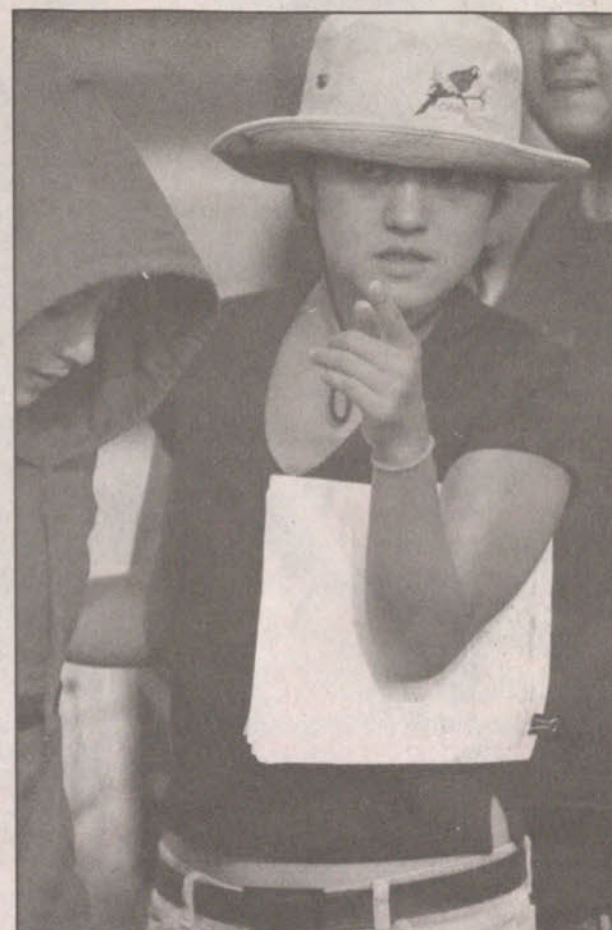
"The story is very much inspired by real incidents in Okinawa. When we had a very basic story line, we were both very conscious about how to make it to the feature film with what we have access to," said Kajino.

"We stretched a lot from what we had at that time. When we write the story, we both sit down and talk about everything until we both agree."

Shot both in Chicago and Okinawa, First Breath takes aspects of two different cultures, something the two filmmakers feel is displayed in the final product.

"You can't beat the value of shooting in the real place. Even what doesn't wind up on camera creeps into your subconscious and influences your end creative decisions," said Koziarski.

"The First Breath of Tengan Rei" screened at the Little Art Theater in Yellow Springs last weekend. For more information, visit www.tenganrei.com.



WSU alumna Junko Kajino on the set of "The Last Breath of Tengan Rei." The film has been well-received in Chicago, where it debuted.

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University Challenge wraps up

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Spring is just beginning, and one thing that tends to be common-place for individuals at the dawn of a new spring is the idea of a fresh start. While some may focus on handling money better and others may try to curse a little less, improving one's health and overall feeling as a human being tends to be the resolution made most often.

"Everyone has resolutions and goals that they are trying to stick with, especially during winter quarter since it's at the beginning of the year. We are trying to help push individuals and give them the resources they need to reach their goals," said Jaclyn Garringer, who is a member of the WSU Campus Recreation committee.

"Being healthy overall doesn't have to be a huge production...by just making changes here and there, you force yourself to make lifestyle changes...not just temporary changes," said Garringer.

To help implement the idea at Wright State's campus, Campus Recreation held the University Challenge this quarter, geared toward helping faculty and staff improve their lives in more ways than one.

The results will be announced soon, but the final event will be a Quiz Bowl this Friday testing wellness knowledge. It will be in 163 Studnet Union from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and spectators are welcome.

"The vision of the University Cup Challenge is to utilize the eight wellness components as a guide to enhance healthier lifestyles and promote a high quality of personal wellness," said Garringer.

The event is an eight-week program and each week showcases a different aspect of improvement. The eight components are Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, Intellectual, Career, Social, Family and Financial Wellness.

Eleven teams were formed in order to see what Wright State work area can get the most people to attend the events. Attendees signed in at the rec center front desk to receive points for their team. At the end of the quarter, the points are added up and the winner will receive a trophy with their team name engraved on it.

In what has now become an annual event, organizers feel it will only improve in the years to come.

"We feel like this is just too good of a program to pass up. I strongly feel that this is going to be one of those

programs that will keep getting better every year. It has come a long way over the years, but hopefully more and more people will get in the competitive spirit and keep the University Challenge program alive for years to come," said Garringer.

With the recent expansion of the university rec center, and the inclusion of programs like these, Wright State is making it a priority to improve the overall feeling of health and well-being around the campus.

"Nowadays, people really want to be healthy. Lately I have come in contact with several outside resources that would like to get involved with what we are doing, and I can't wait for this program to improve more and more every year. It's only going to get better from here," said Garringer.

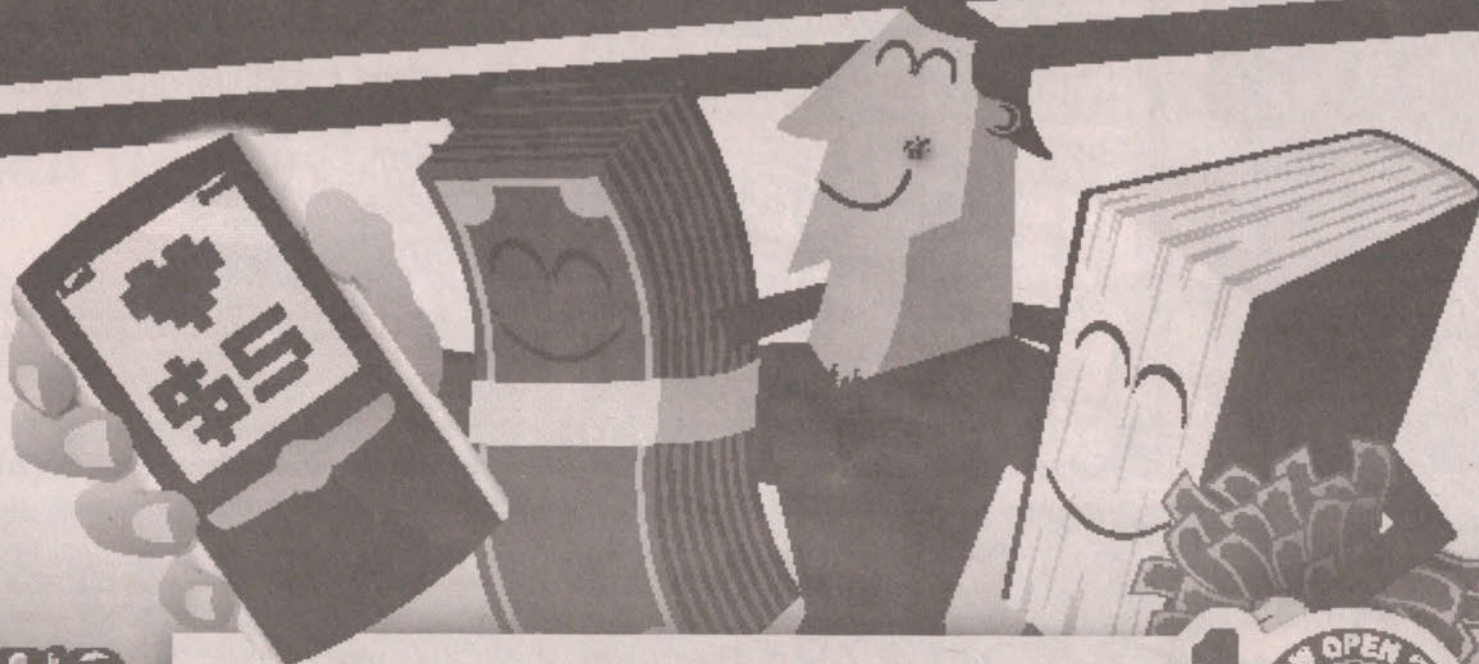
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Raiders finish third-straight season under Brownell with twenty wins

■ WSU falls at Butler in Horizon League semifinal matchup

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The men's basketball team's NCAA Tournament hopes were dashed last week with a 62-57 loss at Butler in the semifinals of the Horizon League Tournament.

Just one day prior, the Raiders put on one of their most impressive offensive performances of the season in an 80-70 second round win over Milwaukee. Four Wright State players scored in double figures, led by Cory Cooperwood with 14.

Cooperwood again led the way against Butler, scoring 11 points before fouling out. The Raiders shot better than the Bulldogs from the field and three-point range and turned the ball over fewer times, but the obvious difference in the game was free throws.

Wright State took eight foul shots

compared to 31 by their opponents.

Butler's Matt Howard, Horizon League Player of the Year, went to the line 15 times, hitting 14 on the way to a 24-point night, as the Raiders were unable to put a big man on him capable of slowing him down.

Wright State overcame an 11-point second half deficit to make it a two-point game with 1:14 to go and had multiple shots to tie the game, but could not connect.

The loss could end the season for the Raiders. While the NCAA Tournament is out of the picture, they could end up in one of the other postseason tournaments, which will be announced after the teams in the Big Dance are selected on Sunday.

The 2008-09 season will be remembered as both disappointing and impressive. Disappointing in that this year's team was anticipated to be one of the best in school history, but was hampered by an 0-6 start and numerous injuries. Of the 12 scholarship players on the roster, only five appeared in all 33 games.

Two of the Raiders' three best all-around players missed large portions of the season as Vaughn Duggins went

down after the fourth game of the year with a broken finger and was forced to redshirt, and John David Gardner missed most of conference play with a hip injury.

Yet while injuries are a convenient excuse for poor play, this year's team continued to impress on the court without two of its star players, a testament to the depth of head coach Brad Brownell's group.

After the tournament the team ended up 20-13, the third consecutive season in which Wright State has won at least 20 games, every year Brownell has been coach. No Raider team had ever won 20 in consecutive seasons before his arrival.

And with only two seniors leaving, starting point guard Will Graham and reserve big man Gavin Horne, Wright State looks poised to make it four in a row and challenge for the league title next year as Duggins and Gardner should be back, as well as leading scorer Todd Brown, leading rebounder Cory Cooperwood, and a host of other players who stepped up this season.

For the sports editor's take on the 2008-2009 season, check out "Raiders Raw" on www.theguardianonline.com

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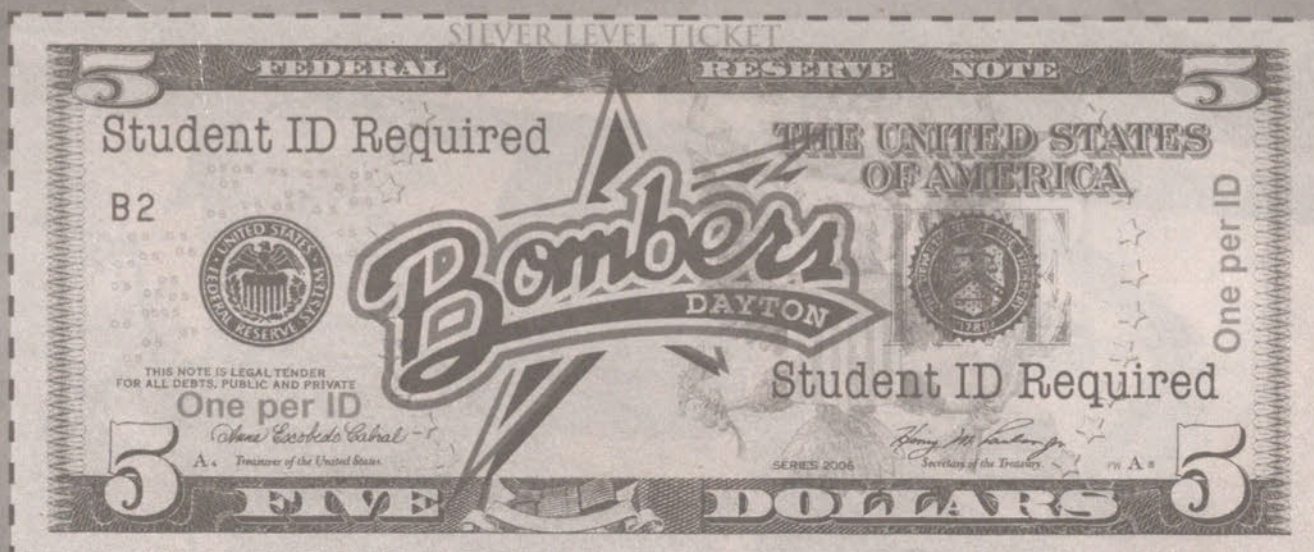
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■ The Raider baseball team (3-9) continued their 2009 campaign last weekend at the UNCW Seahawk Round Robin in North Carolina. Coach Rob Cooper's squad went 2-2 at the event, including wins over nationally-ranked Kent State and host team UNC-Wilmington. Raider pitchers Travis LaMar and Bryce DeWeese picked up their first wins of the year with the victories.

■ Wright State softball (8-9) edged closer to a .500 record last weekend at the Comfort Inn Softball Classic in Kentucky, winning three of their four games. The team outscored their opponents 10-3 on Sunday, including toppling the Dayton Flyers 7-3. Junior Briauna Birl collected four hits and five RBI on the day.

■ Click to The Guardian Online for coverage of the conclusion of the women's basketball regular season as well as an in-depth look at the softball team's weekend in Kentucky.

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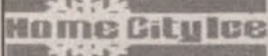


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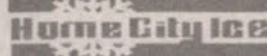
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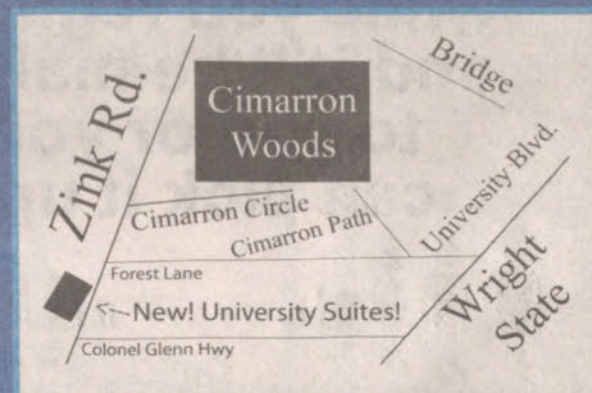
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